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Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE VERAPAMIL
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FREE OF FOOD
EFFECT AND A METHOD FOR ALLEVIATING FOOD
EFFECT IN DRUG RELEASE

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Sir:

This is Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, for which the shortened 3-month statutory period for response expired on March 8, 2004. With a three-month extension, reply is timely on or before June 8.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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